(b) whether there is any crisis in that Power Plant;

(c) whether it is on the verge of closure;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of steps taken to identify the bottlenecks so that the plant functions well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHAIR): (a) Yes, Sir. From time to time the BTPS units have been taken out on shut-down due to various reasons such as for attending to planned maintenance, equipment break-down, coal shortage, etc.

(b) and (e) The BTPS has problems of coal shortage and short payments by DESU. The matter is attended to from time to time as and when the need arises.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of Tehri Hydro Project Policy

141. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH;
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government had any understanding with the noted environmentalist Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna in breaking of his fast, to shut down Tehri Hydro Project or to review project policy in view of rehabilitaiton of oustees and future environmental hazards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the amount of funds spent on this project so far and the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) In the context of objections raised against the project by Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna who went on fast in April, 1996 demanding review of the Tehri Hydro-electric Project and in order to facilitate a proper solution to the problem, Government is providing to a Group of Experts suggested by Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna, all facilities to examine the relevant scientific and technical reports and other information relating to the safety of the Tehri Dam. Government has also set up a committee to examine the ecological aspects and resettlement of displaced persons.

(c) The construction activities at the Project site are continuing and the coffer dam has been raised to a height of EL 661 metres. An expenditure of Rs. 111 8.24 crores (provisional) has been incurred by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation on the project upto October, 1996.

Land to Delhi Slum Improvement Board to relocate J J. Colonies

142. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Jhuggi-Jhopri clusters are scattered all over Delhi;

(b) whether most of these slum dwellers live in most unhygienic conditions and inhabitants of the areas around them also feel the impact of filth and ugliness;

(c) if so, whether Government would provide land to the Delhi Slum Improvement Board to relocate these J.J. clusters; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) According to a survey carried out by the Slum Department of MCD in March, 1994, there were about 1080 JJ Clusters all over Delhi.

(b) to (d) To improve the quality of life and solve the problems of the Slum Dwellers, Government of NCT of Delhi is implementing the following three pronged strategy:—

(i) Re-location/re-settlement of eligible JJ Dwellers from the land urgently required for public projects;

(ii) Provision of minimum basic amenities in the JJ Clusters which are situated on such public land as are earmarked for public projects but not immediately required for implementation; and

(iii) in-situ upgradation of identified JJ Clusters situated on public land which are not earmarked for any project and are not required in the forseable future after obtaining No Objection Certificate from the land owning agencies.

Implementation of Murari Committee Report

143. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether recommendations of Murari Committee, set up to review India's deep sea fishing, hve since been implemented; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether one of the recommendations of the review committee was to cancel all permits issued for fishing-by joint ventures; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Food Processing Industries conceded that it would be difficult to go back on the proposals accepted and Letters of Intent issued; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) The Government has recently taken a decision on the recommendations of the Review Committee.

(b) and (c) One of the recommendations of the Review Committee suggested immediate cancellation of all permits issued for fishing by joint venture as well as for charter/lease/ test fishing, subject to legal processes as may be required. It has been decided that these permits can be cancelled only for violation of the provisions of the MZI Act-1981 or any rule or order made thereunder and/or the conditions stipulated in the approvals granted. Action for cancellation or otherwise of such approvals has to be decided in individual cases in consultation with the Ministry of Law, accordingly.

बिजली की उत्पादन लागत और उसके वितरण की दरें

144. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिजली की विक्रय दर उसकी उत्पादन लागत से कम है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर बिजली की उत्पादन अनुमानित लागत क्या है; और

(ग) देश में औद्योगिक क्षेत्र, व्यापार, कृषि क्षेत्र, घरेलू उपयोग, रैलवे और सार्वजनिक उपयोग के लिए राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर बिजली की अलग-अलग औसत विक्रय दरें क्या-क्या हैं?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गैर पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डॉ॰ एस॰ वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) विद्युत की बिक्री की दर एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य तथा एक क्षेत्र से दूसरे क्षेत्र में भिन्न-भिन्न है। इसी तरह, विद्युत आपूर्ति का मूल्य अलग-अलग राज्यों में अलग-अलग है। तथापि, देश में सभी क्षेत्रों से विद्युत दरों की औसत वसूली आपूर्ति के औसत मूल्य से कम है।

(ख) और (ग) 1994-95 में उपभोक्ताओं की विभिन्न श्रेणियों से अखिल भारत आपूर्ति का औसत मूल्य तथा वसूली नीचे दी गई है:—

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Housing problems of SCs in Andhra Pradesh

145. SHRI V. HANUMANTHARAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes of Umamaheshwaram Panchayat in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh regarding their housing problems;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in regard to their plight;